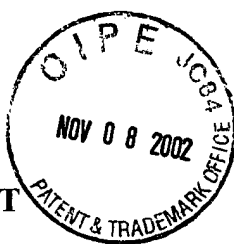


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH CPA

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to the final Office Action
dated May 8, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write claim 13 as follows:

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13. (Amended) A system for controlling the reading from and writing to a multi-
memory card comprising:

a read/write device including a magnetic read/write component, an optical read/write
component, and an electronic read/write component for reading from or writing to a
magnetic memory, an optical memory and an electronic memory of the multi-memory card;

a transport device connected to the read/write device for transporting the multi-
memory card within the read/write device; and